GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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EXPLORATION CONTRACT TO PRIVATE AND FOREIGN COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given the contract to foreign and private companies for the exploration of oil at some new places in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the case of overlooking environmental and security standards by these companies has come to the notice of Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof;and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) Yes Sir, Government of India has awarded and signed Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) in respect of 52 blocks for exploration of oil and gas to various companies under sixth round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) on 2nd March, 2007, out of which 34 blocks have been awarded to foreign and private companies either alone or in consortium with other companies.

(b) The details are at annexed.

(c) According to information available in this Ministry, there is no reported case of over looking environmental and security standards by foreign and private companies/operators.

(d)&(e) Does not arise.